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### Background

Palm oil is a keycrop in Mesoamerica's regional economy. However, rapid expansion of oil palm plantations threatens the future of remaining forests and other fragile natural ecosystems, as well as the food security of communities. It is often associated with land tenure and social conflicts and environmental threats caused by pollution from plantations and industry effluents. Solidari dad has identified a unique opportunity to orient the entire palm oil sector towards the implementation of sustainability measures as the sector expands. Specifically, as companies and farmers work toward RSPO certification. they are laying the foundation for long-term sustainable and inclusive production.

### An innovative partnership

Building on early success engaging the Honduran and Guatemalan palm oil industries towards RSPO compliance, Solidaridad launched the Mesoamerican Palm Oil Alliance, MAPA aims to develop a sustainable, RSPO-oriented and smallholderinclusive pal moil sector. Key efforts include strengthening national regulatory frameworks, promoting sustainable land use through in-depth participatory landscape assessments, and improving the knowledge and capacity of government actors to developpolicies and incentives to support sustainable production. In doing so, we collaborate with private sector industry partners, smallholder farmers, (regional) government actors and global consumer goods manufacturer Henkel. The programme, which has been expanded to include Mexico and Nicaragua, also facilitates national and regional learning and exchange to accelerate the uptake of best practices at scale. This will contribute to integrated landscape management and improve smallholder livelihoods, food security and climate change resilience in the Mesoamerican region.

### MAPA focus areas

- Gap assessments on Best Management Practices at mills and on farms.
- Capacity building and technical support for RSPO certification of 31 companies, including social and environmental issues, management and business skills.
- Farmer Field Schools providing smallholder training in good agricultural practices, sustainable farm management and business planning.
- Improvements in productivity and



quality of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) and Crude Palm Oil (CPO) through the implementation of Best Management Practices.

- Guidelines for biodi versity enhancement of palm oil production systems, and working with the private sector to develop corporate biodiversity monitoring programmes.
- Mobile technology solutions to facilitate on-farm data collection, decision making and impact measurement.
- National-level multi-stakeholder palm oil platforms to facilitate exchange, design & implementation of interventions towards sustainable landscapes.
- Regional pool of accredited HCV assessors, auditors and social & environmental experts to meet increasing demandfor RSPO-oriented services.
- Piloting smallholder inclusive business models and improving relations bet ween mills and smallholders through transparency mechanisms, such as weighing and measuring of FFB.
- Improved social performance mechanisms, CSR policies and human rights gui delines in mills according to workers' and communities' needs.
- MAPA virtual learning & exchange platform to highlight sectoral sustainability efforts, share tools and innovation resources.

### A landscape approach

MAPA aims to develop an inclusive palm oil supply chain rooted in principles of Integrated Landscape Management. This includes efforts to develop RSPO jurisdictional certification in Honduras and Nicaragua, which would provide the opportunity to bring economies of scale to small holders and reinforce relevant policies, such as in centives for avoiding deforestation, payment for ecosystem services and the establishment of diverse production systems that reduce vulnerability in the face of market fluctuations and climate change. A key aim is also to achieve a zero deforestation commitment from producers participating in MAPA.

### **About Solidaridad**

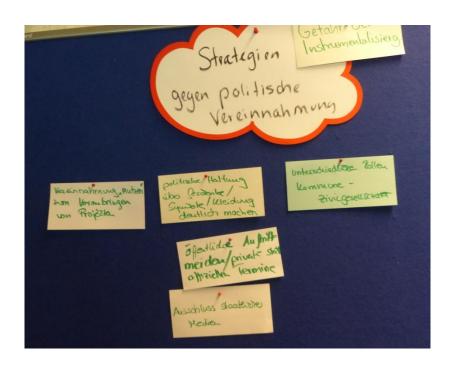
Solidaridad is a not for profit network organization operating from nine regional offices on five continents. We envision a world in which all we produce, and all we consume, can sustain us all while respecting the planet, each other and the next generation. We bring together commodity supply chain actors and engage them in innovative solutions to improve production, ensuring the transition to a sustainable and inclusive economy that maximizes the benefit for all.

### Join us for change that matters

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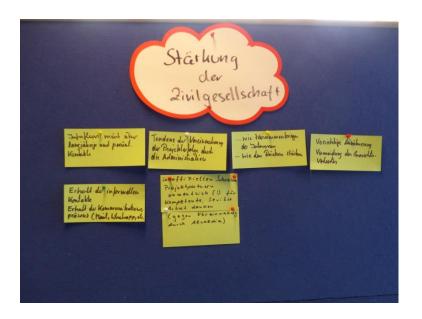
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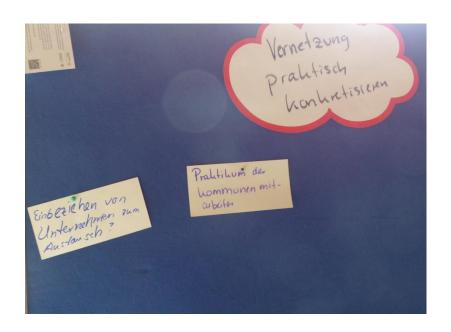
# Thema: Strategien gegen politische Vereinnahmung / Gefahr der Instrumentalisierung:

- Vereinnahmung "nutzen" zum Voranbringen von Projekten
- Politische Haltung über Geschenke / Symbole / Kleidung deutlich machen
- Unterschiedliche Rollen Kommune Zivilgesellschaft
- Öffentliche Auftritte meiden / private statt offizielle Termine
- Ausschluss staatlicher Meiden



### Thema: Stärkung der Zivilgesellschaft:

- Infofluss meist über langjährige und persönliche Kontakte
- Erhalt der informellen Kontakte, Erhalt der Kommunikationspräsenz (Mail, Whatsapp, etc.)
- Tendenz der Vereinnahmung der Projekterfolge durch die Administration
- In offiziellen Schreiben Projektpartnern namentlich (!) für kompetente, seriöse Arbeit danken (gegen Vereinnahmung durch Alcaldia)
- ...wie Zusammenbringen der Interessen?
- ... wie den Rücken stärken?
- Vorsichtige Annäherung, Vermeidung des Gesichtsverlustes



### Thema: Vernetzung praktisch konkretisieren:

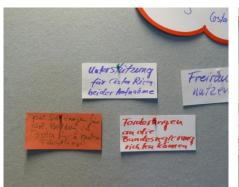
- Einbeziehen von Unternehmern zum Austausch?
- Praktikum der
  Kommunenmitarbeitenden

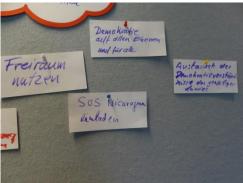


### Thema: Dialogbereitschaft vor Ort stärken:

- Beratung anbieten
- ZFD (Ziviler Friedensdienst)
- Kirche als Raum für Dialog?
- Konfliktmethoden-Training
- Aufhänger Umweltkonflikte
  → z.B. Junge Expertise
- EIRENE Internationaler
  Christlicher Friedensdienst
- ADIC (NGO, Matagalpa)







### Thema: Politische Bildung / Stärkung in BRD (Costa Rica):

- Demokratie auf allen Ebenen und für alle
- Freiraum nutzen
- Austausch der Demokratieverständnisse der des jeweiligen Landes
- SOS Nicaragua einladen
- Unterstützung für Costa Rica bei der Aufnahme
- Forderungen an die Bundesregierung richten können
- Politische Stiftungen für politische Bildung in Costa Rica nutzen (Flüchtlinge)